

STRANGE AS IT SEEMS

By *Elsie Hix*



THE KNIFE FISH SLEEPS ON ITS SIDE
IN MIDWATER -- SUSPENDED BY THE
LEAVES OF THE AMAZON
SWORDPLANT!

- N.Y.
Zoological
Aquarium -



ACE ♣	KING ♠	QUEEN ♥	JACK ♦
JACK ♥	QUEEN ♦	KING ♣	ACE ♠
KING ♦	ACE ♥	JACK ♠	QUEEN ♣
QUEEN ♠	JACK ♣	ACE ♦	KING ♥

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:
ARRANGING THE ACES,
KINGS, QUEENS AND JACKS
OF A CARD DECK SO THAT
EACH ROW CONTAINS ONLY
ONE OF EACH SUIT AND
DENOMINATION!

AMERICA'S VAST
CHEWING GUM INDUSTRY
STARTED WITH A
SINGLE PIECE OF CHICLE
BROUGHT TO THIS COUNTRY
BY AN EXILED DICTATOR--
MEXICAN GENERAL
SANTA ANNA!

-1837-



When Al Krapish jumped from his plane after breaking the control stick, the plane flew upside-down for a mile by itself.

Lowell, Mass., 1929

A Plow Nag won the Hungary Derby! Latonia, 1929

"Rabalo" was sold as a plow horse, then, after training, entered and won the Derby — highest racing honor in Hungary.

John Hix

John George, Champion Cyclist, rode 32 479 miles in one year! 1897.



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EARL
LANFORD
of Charlotte, N.C.,
MUST UNDERGO AN
OPERATION EVERY DAY
TO KEEP ALIVE . . .

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OH DOCTOR!

DR. CARVER
IS A PHYSICIAN
in Los Angeles
SUGGESTED BY ADDIE SPENCER,

DR. HURT
IS A DENTIST
in Lafayette, Colo.

DR. GORE
IS A SURGEON
in Tucson, Ariz.

THIS IRISH
WOLFPOUND
HAD 43 PUPS
IN 4
LITTERS..

Owned by
Francis Hosch, Randolph, Neb.



PINKEY
BARNOSKI
LASSOS
4

RUNNING
HORSES
WHILE
STANDIN
ON HIS
HEAD

Gandy,
Neb



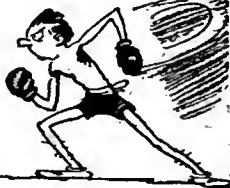
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A HAILSTONE 17
INCHES AROUND FELL
at Potter, Neb.,
July 6, 1928

JOHNNY KILBANE
WAS FEATHERWEIGHT
CHAMPION FOR
11 YEARS...

1912 - 1923



THE TARPON HAS
SCALES 4 INCHES WIDE...



THE
ROXBURGH
FIG TREE —
Calcutta,
PRODUCES FRUIT ON
THE ROOTS AND
TRUNK...

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AN ORGAN THAT
PLAYS REAL
MUSIC WAS CONSTRUCTED
AT OLYMPIA GYM, SCRAP
JUNKYARD AND STUNG BY
S. F. PEANUTS...
—English Musician—

EMPEROR NORTON I

MONARCH BY CACKE OF THE
GOLDEN WEST...
EMPEROR OF THE UNITED STATES...
PROTECTOR OF MEXICO...

HE "RULED" IN SAN FRANCISCO FROM 1851
TO 1880... HE "DISSOLVED" THE UNION
IN 1860... ORDERED THE COAST GUARD
TO BLOCKADE SACRAMENTO RIVER...
AND TREATED SCHOOL CHILDREN TO
CANDY "ON THE EMPIRE"....

A NATURAL TUNNEL—
500 FEET LONG—
PIERCES A MOUNTAIN ON
BERSHATTEN
ISLAND
NORWAY



MISS
DOLIA
MORPHERSON—
Los Angeles...
HAS THE LARGEST
AND LONGEST
IN THE WORLD...
IT MEASURES
6 FEET 11 INCHES
—AND IS HER
THIRD
HAND OF HAIR...



WAITING
SHIRT STORIES OF THE...
THE ENTIRE STOCK IS CARRIED
ON A POKE...



ROOSTER THAT
LAYS EGGS HAS
CROWNED ABOUT IT!
—Cloned by J. Jefferson—
—Berkeley, Calif.—

WALTER HUGHSON
RODE A UNICYCLE FROM
NEW YORK TO
SAN FRANCISCO
IN 11 DAYS!
3986 MILES

Proclamation of empire, the man who rules in the west coast of the United States. Emperor Norton I will receive one of the most elaborate coronations of the 19th century, after being crowned in the streets of San Francisco. The coronation will be held in the city of San Francisco, the city of the empire, which ruled over the city of the empire.

Big water circulation in grain, lettuce, and most the dwellers along the city market lands. He was left, unopposed and the most man per. Despite until a few years later when he emerged from retirement with the intention that he was an emperor. He then decided that he was Emperor of California, but later he returned to San Francisco as California was in the Union by about 1850. The rest of the state. Unopposed he declared himself Emperor Norton I of the United States. He lived under his wing, styling himself as Emperor of Mexico. When the Civil War came he was proclaimed Emperor of the Union.

He once ordered the Coast Guards to blockade the Sacramento River because a navigation company had refused his request. For years and his death in 1880. Emperor Norton was a colorful figure who lived in the streets of San Francisco. A beloved and kind Emperor to his subjects, especially to the children who in turn, by making money from his coin, paid their debts to the emperor.

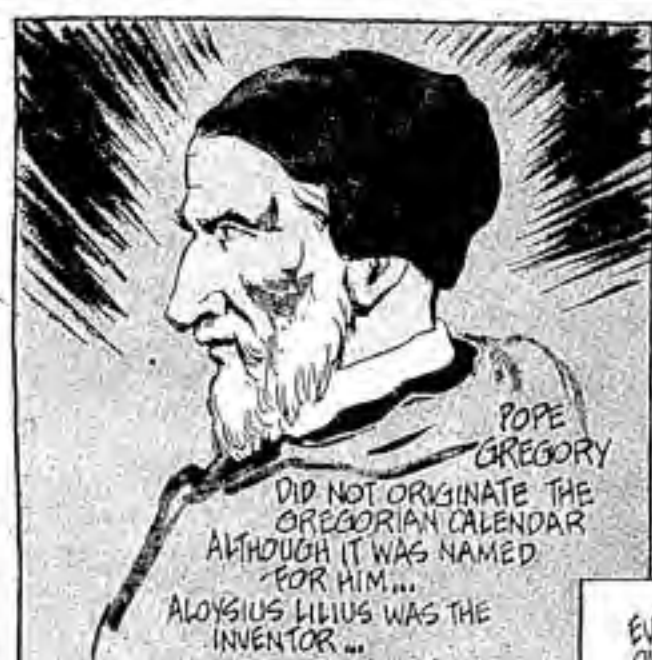
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by JOHN HIX

Cinderella's Slipper

WAS NOT
MADE OF GLASS!
THE SLIPPERS SHE WORE TO
THE PRINCE'S BALL WERE
MADE OF FUR...



POPE GREGORY
DID NOT ORIGINATE THE
GREGORIAN CALENDAR
ALTHOUGH IT WAS NAMED
FOR HIM...
ALOYSIUS LILIUS WAS THE
INVENTOR...

THE GOLDENROD IS THE
STATE FLOWER OF
4 STATES...

Nebraska, Alabama,
Kentucky & North Carolina...

EVERY MAN HAS
OWN DIVORCE
COURT...

IN EGYPT A MAN
NEED ONLY SAY
"THOU ART DIVORCED"
TO HIS WIFE,
AND SHE IS
DIVORCED!



DAY BREAKS
BUT DOES NOT FALL...
NIGHT FALLS
BUT DOES NOT BREAK
....



THE EGGPLANT IS A
MEMBER OF THE
POTATO FAMILY...



THE SOLDIER'S PALINDROME -
"SNUG & PAW WAS IERE I SAW WAR & GUNS"
....

The story of Cinderella, as it is known to us, comes from the French version which was popularized in the seventeenth century by Perrault and Madame d'Aulnoy. In that version the slippers which Cinderella wore to the Prince's ball were made of fur. The English version, stating that the slippers were made of glass, is the result of a curious mistake in translation.

In the French the old word for "fur" was "vair." This was confused with "verre" meaning glass, so the translator inserted glass instead of fur when he wrote the English translation. Thus, in all the books of fairy stories we have Cinderella's missing

slipper, which the Prince found after she fled at the stroke of midnight, is made of glass.

Strange as it seems, the story of Cinderella is far more ancient than the French version. It was originated in the Orient, yet the story has its parallel in Egyptian lore in the legend of Rhodope and Psamatichus, and also in Greek folklore. In Germany it appears in the sixteenth century stories by Grinim. Today thousands of stories of modern fiction follow the same original lines of the ancient Oriental story of Cinderella.

The calendar we use today, with its system of leap years, was ordained by Pope Gregory XIII in 1582 to supplant the Julian calendar in use prior to that year. The Gregorian calendar was worked out by the astronomer Lilius of Naples, who determined that leap years fell too often in the Julian calendar. He dropped them from all years divisible by 100, except those also divisible by 400. This work was verified by Clavius in 1603.

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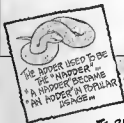
**BROKEN
EMPIRE-BUILDER...**
ROBERT CLIVE
CARVED OUT THE
BRITISH EMPIRE IN
INDIA PRACTICALLY
SINGLE-HANDED...

...THEN WAS TRIED BY
PARLIAMENT ON CHARGES OF
MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE AND
DRIVEN TO SUICIDE BY THE SHAME
OF TRUMPED-UP EVIDENCE...



1000 POINTS WERE
SCORED IN THE GOLDBORO 24-
HARRISBURG CHECKER
CLUB BASKETBALL GAME,
JAN. 12, 1931

Goldboro-85
Checker Club-81



THE ADDER USED TO BE
THE "HADDER"
* A HADDER BECAME
* AN ADDER IN POPULAR
USAGE

THE PARACHUTE-BALLOONIST!

JOHN WISE -
American aeronautical pioneer,
WAS SAVED FROM DEATH WHEN HIS BALLOON
FABRIC FORMED A PARACHUTE AFTER
EXPLODING IN A THUNDERSTORM - 1898.
LATER HE FREQUENTLY SPLIT HIS BALLOON OPEN
ON PURPOSE AND "BALLOON-PARACHUTED"
TO EARTH AS A STUNT.



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THE PARACHUTE-BALLOONIST . . .

It was dare-devil Wise's amazing "balloon-parachute" stunt that suggested the rip-panel, used on modern balloons to split the gas quickly after coming to earth. This aids in preventing the balloon from being dragged by the wind or landing.

John Wise was one of the most courageous, if not foolhardy men of the air who ever lived. Little was known about balloons in his day. Crudely made, they were filled with highly explosive gas. Yet Wise thought nothing of floating through thunderstorms.

Congress turned a deaf ear to the daring aviator in 1843 when he pleaded for funds to finance a balloon trip across the Atlantic. They again turned him down in 1851 when he asked money to construct an airship for the War Department with which to throw explosives down at the enemy. Wise was heart-broken by the serial bog. In 1859 he made some 230 ascensions. Returning to a farm in 1872, he sought to give up ballooning but the urge was too much for him. At the age of 74 he climbed into a balloon basket with a party of friends and took off. Moving northward, his balloon was last seen over Carlinville, Ill. Some weeks later the body of one of the ballooning party was found

floating in Lake Michigan. The rest were never found.

EMPIRE BUILDER . . .

Sent to India in the employ of the East India Company as a lad of 18, Robert Clive quit his job to enlist in the army. Rising in rank, he became an important figure in military circles and led his men into battles that were won by the British against huge odds through their leader's strategy.

Through his military skill and diplomatic ability, Clive brought almost the whole of India under the control of his country. Practically single-handed, he carved the British Indian empire in the space of 12 years.

Made a baron and elected to Parliament, Clive's reward and glory for his service to his country was short-lived. In 1767, Clive was charged with having accepted bribery in India. The charges, framed by jealous army officers, were completely disproved, but Clive was broken by the shame and mock singing of the Parliamentary toast.

Retiring himself to his home, he took to smoking opium, broke down in health and committed suicide, November 23, 1774.

Tomorrow: Discovery by Photograph

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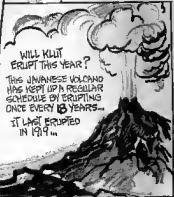
RADIUM
 WAS FIRST
 DISCOVERED IN A
 PHOTOGRAPH!

MARIE SKLODOWSKA
 GOT HER FIRST CLUE TO
 ITS EXISTENCE BY ACCIDENT
 WHILE DEVELOPING A
 PHOTOGRAPHIC PLATE...
 - Feb. 16, 1896 -



THE
 PHLEBOCHOPTERA,
 AN INSECT OF THE
 CARBONIFEROUS
 PERIOD HAD 3
 SETS OF WINGS...
 NO OTHER KNOWN INSECT HAS
 HAD OVER 2 SETS...

INFLUENZA
 TOOK ITS NAME FROM
 THE ITALIAN WORD
 MEANING
 INFLUENCE...
 BECAUSE 17TH CENTURY
 SCIENTISTS THOUGHT
 "FLU" EPIDEMICS
 WERE INFLUENCED BY
 HEAVENLY BODIES...
 IT IS ALSO KNOWN AS
 CHINESE CATARRH
 RUSSIAN PEST
 ITALIAN FEVER
 GERMAN DISEASE
 AND SPANISH FLU



WILL KILU
 ERUPT THIS YEAR?
 THIS JAPANESE VOLCANO
 HAS KEPT UP A REGULAR
 SCHEDULE BY ERUPTING
 ONCE EVERY 13 YEARS...
 IT LAST ERUPTED
 IN 1919...

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PHOTOGRAPHIC DISCOVERY...

Marie held the photograph plate up to her eye with a puzzled frown. It was February 18, 1896, and the 28-year-old Polish girl, Marie Skłodowska, was engaged in research work at the Paris laboratory of Henry Becquerel.

The girl-scientist's bewilderment was occasioned by a valued blot which appeared on the photograph plate. It vexed her. Could it have been due to a flaw in her developing equipment? No, she wasn't content with that explanation. She pondered the subject, turned to Becquerel for advice, then to Pierre Curie, a professor of physics.

All the contents of darkroom in which she had been working were carefully analyzed. Therein lay the solution. The plates Marie had been using were kept in an aluminum box. On top of the box had lain a piece of uranic mineral, pitchblende. The pitchblende had contained the chemical element which later was to be named radium. Rays from the radium had penetrated the aluminum box and registered themselves on the photographic plates.

Years of experimentation followed. Marie married Pierre Curie and thus was born one of the greatest

partnerships the world has ever known. Together they succeeded in isolating a grain of radium salts, proved that it was an element and analyzed its properties. Together they were awarded the highest recognition in their field—the Nobel prize for physics in 1903 along with Henri Becquerel.

In 1903 Pierre Curie was killed in an accident. Mme. Curie continued the work and won the Nobel prize for chemistry in 1911. She died on July 4, 1934.

13-YEAR VOLCANO...

The crust forming the center of Kilu Volcano, Java, is capable of holding up approximately 40,000,000 cubic meters of water. When rains raise the water contents above this figure, the floor of the water collapses, the water drops into the heated interior of the volcano and an eruption is brought about.

Kilu cools down after each eruption and water is again allowed to accumulate. In 13 years enough water accumulates to cause another eruption. The volcano last "blow its top" in 1924. Will it keep up the 13-year schedule by erupting this year?

Minsky; Where Was Andrew Jackson Born?



**THE ENORMOUS MORMON TABERNACLE, Salt Lake City,
WAS BUILT WITHOUT ANY FORMAL PLANS!**

**IT WAS SIMPLY MARKED OUT
ON THE GROUND IN**

**THE DROP OF A PIN CAN BE
HEARD FROM ONE END TO
THE OTHER -- A DISTANCE
OF 250 FEET!**



**THE SIZE
OF YOUR SHOE
IS BASED ON THE LENGTH
OF A GRAIN OF BARLEY!**



**THE REAL
BIRD DOG--
"NEBBY"--
NATURALLY MARKED
TERRIER, owned by
David N. Cooke,
of Brentwood, Ma.**

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**PINCH-HITTING
PITCHER!**

**CHARLES RUFFING
PITCHED 38 GAMES
FOR THE YANKEES
AND PINCH-HIT IN 20
OTHERS IN THE
SAME SEASON...**

- 1930 -

MORMON TABERNACLE

One of the largest auditoriums in the world the Mormon Tabernacle in Salt Lake City Utah seats some 6000 people. It is 250 feet long, 150 feet wide and 80 feet in height -- yet, strange as it seems, was built without any plans other than those marked out on the ground where it was built.

Construction of the architectural wonder began on September 1, 1885. It arrived at a sufficient stage of completion for religious services to be held in it about two years later. Practically the entire Mormon community took part in its erection, either through financial aid or by actual manual labor.

The huge roof of the Tabernacle was constructed without the use of a single nail, bolt or screw. Consisting of lattice arched bents, each of the roofs' arches converge and meet at the highest given point of the main outside bents where they are fastened with wooden pegs and sockets. The roof was first covered with some 400,000 shingles and a malleable covering replaced the shingles in 1900.

Perhaps the most amazing feature of the Tabernacle is its acoustic properties. There is remarkably

little echo in the building and a speaker's voice carries distinctly and with strong volume. A pin dropped at one end of the interior can be clearly heard at the other end.

SHOE MEASURE

During the middle ages in Europe the standards of weights and measures were a confusing jumbled mass. Almost every town had its own system, varying widely from the standards of others. In the time of Henry I England made an effort to overcome this confusion by setting up a system of weights and measures based on miscellaneous standards. Some of these have survived to our own day, among them being the standard of measurement for shoes. They are still numbered according to the length of a grain of barley in a system of measurement by tidemarks.

Another interesting survival to standards is that of the fathom. Derived from the Middle English word, "fæder," meaning "embrave," its length was based on the length of the two arms from tip to tip.

Tomorrow: The Fatal Locksack!

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WORLD'S SMALLEST
OIL LEASE--
Signal Hill, Calif.,
MEASURES ONLY
31 BY 46 FEET!

John Hix



LO, THE POOR INDIAN--
WOMEN OWN THE
HOMES AMONG THE HOP
INDIANS OF ARIZONA...
HARVESTED CROPS ALSO ARE
OWNED BY HOUSEWIVES
....

ELK CAT--
"TOMMY"--23-year-old cat
owned by W.L. Clark, Seneca Falls, N.Y.,
IS A FULL-FLEDGED MEMBER OF THE
LOCAL ELK LODGE!
HE HAS A BANK ACCOUNT IN HIS
OWN NAME...



THE MINIATURE ARMY!

POLAND
ENTERED THE WORLD WAR
WITH ONLY 300 MEN!
THE FAMED "KADROWKA" LEGION,
WHICH INVADED RUSSIA IN AUGUST, 1914,
BECAME THE POLISH LEGION,
14,000 STRONG,
THAT WON THE COUNTRY'S INDEPENDENCE
...





ERASMUS HALL ACADEMY--
Flushing, N. Y.,
OLDEST SECONDARY SCHOOL IN THE
STATE, HAS BEEN IN USE
152 YEARS...

THE
GURHAM TONG--
South America
HAS NO TONGUE NOR
TEETH...



WASHINGTON, D.C.
WAS TAKEN BY
AN "AIR RAID"
125 YEARS AGO!

BRITISH SEAMEN
SCATTERED AN AMERICAN
MULTI BY FIRING
SKY ROCKETS AT THEM!
(WAR of 1812)

John A. ...

2-9-39



A 44-YEAR-OLD ORANGE --

*is owned by
Mrs. Esther Gilman,
Brooklyn, N.Y.*

**JOSEPH JOHN TOTH AND
JOSEPH JOHN TOTH --**

*NEXT-DOOR NEIGHBORS, of Hartford, Conn.,
HAVE THE SAME NAMES, SAME APPEARANCES,
SAME BIRTHPLACE (NORTHERN HUNGARY) --
AND WORKED FOR THE SAME COMPANY IN THE
SAME BUILDING FOR 10 YEARS
BEFORE THEY MET!*



**A BAKING SHARK'S
GILL SLITS ALMOST COMPLETELY
ENCIRCLE ITS NECK!**

By Paul and Theodore



**SOUTH SEA
LAW AND ORDER!**

**THE TONGA ISLANDS --
of Polynesian
HAVE MORE LAWS PER
CAPITA THAN ANY NATION
IN THE WORLD!**



MONSTER OF THE DEEP!

A "LIVING FOSSIL"
OF THE ANCIENT COELACANTH--
A FISH SUPPOSEDLY EXTINCT
50,000,000 YEARS
WAS CAUGHT ALIVE
IN 40 FATHOMS
OFF SOUTH AFRICA!
(DEC., 1938)

VAL DE SANARD--
York, Pa.,
PERFORMING A
HANDSTAND ON
MOVING
ROLLER SKATES!

HORSEBACK PREACHER!

GABRIEL DUNK--
Early American
Inventor
USED HIS SADDLE
FOR A PULPIT!



IF 5 CATS
EAT 5 RATS
IN 5 MINUTES--
HOW MANY CATS WOULD
IT TAKE TO EAT
50 RATS IN 50 MINUTES?

(Answer: Tomorrow)



DR. ELIHA MITCHELL
DIED 40 FEET IN
COMPUTING THE HEIGHT
OF MT. MITCHELL, N.C.—
40 A TOWER TO HIS
MEMORY WAS ERRECTED
KEP THE PEAK JUST
40 FEET HIGH IN
COMMEMORATION!



JOHN STRINGER,
Ever St Louis, IN,
BROKE OPEN A LUMP OF COAL
AND FOUND 5 PERFECT NUMBERS
INSIDE IT / (38838)

How They Got There Is A Mystery—

THE BAR—
CAN BREATHE
WITHOUT POWER OR FUEL

IT UTILIZES AIR
-BORNE IN THE
-GAS FILTERS.

1-2-3-4-5 DIGITS
REARRANGE THESE 5 DIGITS
SO THAT THE FIRST TWO MULTIPLIED
BY THE MIDDLE DIGIT EQUALS
THE LAST TWO...

the last time
- August 1961 -

DIET OF DEATH!

MAJOR GUS SATYRDAE --
PLAYS A HOT
BLOW TORCH
into His MOUTH--
WITHOUT HARM!

G. B. Jones

STREET LIGHTS

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**THE HAPPY
PELICAN!**

*A natural island
formation
named by
Francis Drake,
1577, N.E.*

"OLD PATHFINDER"
CAPE FERRY, N.Y. Light House --
FIRST CONSTRUCTED BY THE
U.S. LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE.
HAS BEEN IN CONTINUOUS
OPERATION FOR
150 YEARS...

**THE BIGGEST NEWSPAPER
EVER PRINTED --
CONTAINED 504 PAGES, 22 SECTIONS,
AND WAS 2 INCHES THICK...**
*(Miami Daily News,
July 28, 1925)*





FIRE FRONTIERS ARE LIPSICK--
 IN GUATE NAT'L FOREST GROVE
 TO KEEP THEIR LIPS FROM
 CHAPPING ...

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WHAT HAPPENED TO THE U.S.S. CYCLOPS?

ON MARCH 4, 1918, SHE SAILED
 FROM THE BARBADOS WITH 309 MEN
 AND 10,000 TONS OF MANGANESE ORE -
THEN COMPLETELY DISAPPEARED!
 IN 21 YEARS NO TRACE HAS
 EVER BEEN FOUND...

LEON TROTSKY--
 (MEN DAWYDOWICH
 BROWNSTEIN)
 GOT HIS NAME
 BY "ACCIDENT!"

HE CHOSE IT
 HURRIEDLY WHILE
 SIGNING A
 FALSE PASSPORT
 DURING HIS
 FIRST ESCAPE
 FROM SIBERIA...



TABLE TENNIS--
 INVENTED BY
 ENGLISH OFFICERS
 IN INDIA
 WHO FIRST PLAYED OVER A
 "NET" OF LIBRARY BOOKS



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A P. DUBOIS' WOULD HAVE BEEN
 ONE OF COLLECTORS FOR BROOKLYN
 THUNDERBOLTS AND FLYING, AND COULD
 BE THE BROTHER OF THE 1931-32
 BROOKLYN

THE AD APPEARED
EVERY DAY FOR 87 YEARS
 IN THE BROOKLYN (NEWS) ENTERPRISE
 (1881-1936)
 IT COST \$4100...

WILLIAM GUTZEL --
 Los Angeles
 AFTER HANDLING
 EVERY TYPE OF GUN
 FOR 22 YEARS
 WITHOUT
 FIRING A SHOT,
 KILLED A BANDIT
 THE FIRST TIME
 HE EVER SQUEEZED
 A TRIGGER!
 -1934-



F. M. WEBBER --
 Brookfield, Ill.
 "SNEAKS" BANDIT AWAY
 FROM HIS LAWN WITH A
 VACUUM CLEANER!



222 POINTS
 IN ONE SEASON --
 WERE SCORED BY
 BOBBY CIFERS --

Kingsport High (Tenn.) halfback --
 -1928-

HE MADE 33 TOUCHDOWNS,
 24 EXTRA POINTS
 IN 9 GAMES...



10-4 For All of Your Football Questions...

DR. CARL T. GEORGE,
Dominican Republic,
SENT HIS RYE BREAD
BY AIR MAIL --
EVERY 2 WEEKS FROM
NEW YORK CITY!

IT COSTS HIM
\$7.95 A LOAF...



THE NORTH POLE OF A
COMPASS NEEDLE
NEVER POINTS
TO THE
NORTH POLE!



NEW YORK CITY'S GOVERNMENT--

ALONE COSTS MORE TO RUN
THAN THE COMBINED
BUDGETS OF
30 OF THE 48 STATES!

ONLY THE FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT
SPENDS MORE...



THE ENTIRE
GRADUATING CLASS--
of *Conformity College*...
AT THE OUTBREAK OF THE CIVIL WAR,
ENLISTED IN THE CONFEDERATE ARMY...
AND EVERY
GRADUATE
WAS KILLED!





A LONG
LIFE PRESERVER --
FROM THE LINER LUSTANIA,
SUNK OFF IRELAND, 1915
WAS FOUND 5 YEARS LATER
IN PHILADELPHIA!

- Delaware River -

KANAKANAK --
if taken to Alaska,
SPELLS THE SAME
FORWARD AND BACKWARD ...



OLD MAN OF THE MOUND/
HARRY GERMAN OF CHICAGO, ILL.
64 YEARS OLD AND
A GRANDFATHER,
HAS PITCHED 52 CONSECUTIVE
YEARS OF BASEBALL!
HE THREW ONLY 16 WILD PITCHES
IN 105,000 THROWN BALLS...
(1250 GAMES)

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BORDER JUSTICE!

162 MEN --
WERE SENTENCED TO HANG
BY JUDGE ISAAC CHARLES PARKER
OF ARKANSAS TERRITORY... (1875-96)

HE APPOINTED
200 DEPUTIES,
65 OF WHOM WERE
SLAIN IN OFFICE!

Frank

here is he from 33 Carleton, Michigan



WILLIAM B. WASHBURNE --
U.S. Secretary of State
under Grant
WAS IN OFFICE LESS
THAN ONE WEEK!

A BOTTLE
OF MILK --
IS WORTH
MORE IN
HONG KONG
THAN TWO DAYS'
PAY OF THE
COOLIES
DELIVERING IT!
(Not dried
per quart)



THE FOUR CORNERS --
AT HARLEM AND NORTH AVENUE,
Chicago
ARE EACH IN A DIFFERENT
COMMUNITY!

(Chicago, Oak Park,
Park, Evanston and
Bluff Forest)

A
SUPERSTITIOUS DAIRY MAID --
TAUGHT MEDICAL SCIENCE
THE SECRET OF SMALLPOX VACCINATION!
SHE TOLD EDWARD JENNER,
famous physician,
THAT SHE "COULD NOT GET SMALLPOX
BECAUSE SHE HAD COWPOX" --
JENNER FOUND HER "SUPERSTITION"
MEDICALLY CORRECT...

- England, 1770 -





THE BELL THAT WAS EXILED TO SIBERIA!

BECAUSE IT WAS RINGING
AS THE SIGNAL FOR A
RUSSIAN UPRISING...

Ugghh. 1991...



THIS FISH
IS A GIANT
MACKEREL!



POWERFUL!

IF A COW HERBIBLY INHALES
GARLIC, THE GARLIC WILL
HAVE A GARLIC FLAVOR!



ADOLEMMADE
BENTON IS THE
FIRST GIRL IN
THE HISTORY
OF HER
FAMILY!

Daughter of Mr.
and Mrs. Paul
Bent. Cheshire.
Mass.

Shelby

3 & 2 Color.





THE PROPELLER
ON A TRANS-OCEAN
CLIPPER CAN BE
TURNED BY THE
WEIGHT OF A FLY!



GEORGE JEAN NATHAN—

famed drama critic—

HAS LIVED IN THE SAME
NEW YORK HOTEL SUITE
FOR 35 YEARS!

He keeps 100 BOTTLES OF
VIRAGE CIGARETTES STOCKED
IN HIS ROOMING, AND ONCE
HAD A COLLECTION OF 82
OVERCOATS!

(HE GAVE AWAY 81 OF THEM)



SAND SNOW WHICH FALLS
AT EXTREMELY LOW
TEMPERATURES, IS SO
ROUGH, SOLE OF SHOES
WILL NOT GLIDE ON IT!



SPEEDS OF
DISCOVERY!

800 SPEEDS OF THE WEST
INDIAN PORTUGAL WIND, PASSING
UP ON EUROPE'S SHORES, LED MEN
LIKE COLUMBUS TO CROSS A
CONTINENT ACROSS THE ATLANTIC!

SEE THE NEW YORK TIMES

SEE

SEE



HOUSE OF 4000 TEETH!

DR. J. L. BELLARD EXTRACTED 4000
TEETH AT \$1 EACH — THEN BUILT A
\$4000 HOUSE AND HAD THE 4000
TEETH NAIED IN THE FOUNDATION!

Kennett, Tenn...



INDIAN CAUSED THIS CHIEFOLD BY
HAVING THE SPANARDS BREAK THEM!

AFTER BREAKING A FEW SPANARDS
AND BELIEVED THE NATIVE PEOPLE
AND TOLD THEM THAT SPANARDS
WERE INDISCREETABLE!



A BROTHER
TELEPHONE IN
ARLE 1949
WITH 97,000
DOLLARS
WAS THE
PRESIDENT
BROTHERLY BY
BROTHERLY
ALAS 1949...

8 OPERATIONS
TOOK 1000
MINUTES TO
THINK IT!



THE DISCARDS GREAT
THAT A CHILDREN
DID BECAUSE HE HAD TO
GET UP TOO EARLY!

USED TO SLEEPING TILL NOON.
GIVEN COUNCIL OF BROTHERS
WHO EMPLOYED HIM, HAD
HIM TO WORK BY DAY AND
HAD THE BROTHER KILLED HIM!

1950...

1950... 1950...

1950... 1950...

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SHOOT STONE!

TACSON COMPLETELY SHOCKED. BASHIN'S
TRUSTED TO A HAS NOT OPENED FOR
BUSINESS IN 17 YEARS. SOME OF THE
MERCHANDISE IS OVER 80 YEARS OLD.

Near Pres Bn. Adam.



THE ANGER, LOWEST FORM
OF ANIMAL LIFE, RARE
BY BODILY SURROUNDINGS
THE JURY



LEGALLY THERE ARE
NO FRESH EGGS
IN GEORGIA!



HOWARD JONES-

WHILE AT YALE,
COACHING HIS SECOND YEAR,
PRODUCED A TEAM UNBEATEN AND
UNDISCOURAGED DURING ITS 10 GAME
SEASON... BUT WAS NOT PAID A CENT
FOR HIS WORK!

FORMERLY COACHES AT YALE WERE UNPAID...
1909...

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REPRODUCED FROM THE ORIGINAL

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HER CROWNING GLORY!

MADAME LIEBKA-
RAMENIS-

HAD HAIR THAT GREW
3 INCHES A MONTH—
EVERY 2 YEARS SHE
WAS OLD ENOUGH TO
HAVE 2 WIVES!

VALUED AT \$100 AN
OUNCE, HER TRESSSES
HAD A STRANGE, PEARLY
SHEEN, USED ONLY TO
ADD UNIQUE LUSTRE
TO WIGS...



JACKRABBIT ARE USED
TO TASTE NEW TYPES
OF GRASS FOR CATTLE!
(SHEETS AND GUNS
PREFER THE SAME
KINDS)



THE BAT-LIKE CREATURES
HAVE WINGS THAT LOOK
LIKE CARDS!

IT IS 1/40 INCH LONG..

...

IRON TREE!

PLANTED TREES OF
IRON, EATEN BY A
MONUMENT TO SOUTH
CAROLINA, THE FIRST OF
REMARKS OF THE
GREAT WAR...

State House
Columbia, S.C.





A GREEN EYE CAN LAY EGGS AT THE RATE OF ONE A MINUTE, DAY AND NIGHT FOR 3 MONTHS.



WHEEL CHAIR WEDDING!

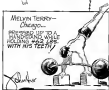
MR. AND MRS. ROY E. SHORT, CHAIRS, WERE MARRIED IN WHEEL CHAIRS.

THE WEDDING PARTY, INCLUDING BESTMAN, AND URSER, WERE ALSO IN WHEEL CHAIRS. 400 DISABLED GUESTS CAME IN WHEEL CHAIRS, COCHS, OR ON CRUTCHES.

San Diego Herald, 1929..

"TUNNYFACE," A CAT OWNED BY REV. C. KNOTT, ADORABLE, HAD HIS OWN SPECIAL DOORBELL WHICH HE RINGS WHEN HE WANTS IN!





GOOD NEIGHBOR PLANT!

CORN IS THE ONLY DOMESTICATED PLANT THAT GROWS THROUGHOUT THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE FROM U.S. TO CAN. FROM SEA LEVEL TO 12,000 FEET!

← Distance .8



Said 8 MILES FROM EIGHTMILE...

Org...



AFTER PLAYING HUNT TO DELAY TEAMS ANNUALLY FOR 25 YEARS, DIED FROM ITS FIGHT VICTORY THIS YEAR!

(A record— 7-8 for the 2-mile relay)



THE MYSTERY OF RUDOLF DIESEL—

famed inventor of the Diesel engine—

In 1913, at the height of his career, he disappeared from a boat crossing the English Channel... NO NOTE, CLUE OR TRACE OF HIS BODY WAS EVER FOUND!

John...



Tomorrow—
4642
NAMELESS
CORPSE

ONE-MAN NAVAL VICTORY!

BRITISH LIGHT GORDON
CHAPPELL, FORCED TO SWIM
WHEN HIS SHIP WAS
TORPEDOED, FOUND THE U-BOAT
SURFACING UNDER HIM...WAITING
THE FIRST GERMAN TO EMERGE.
HE TOOK THE BODY HALFWAY
THROUGH THE HATCH SO THE
U-BOAT COULD NOT SUBMERGE—
HOLDING IT UNTIL A
BRITISH DESTROYER
ARRIVED!

World War I...

CRYSTALINE, A CHEMICAL
SUBSTANCE, IS
COLD WHEN
HOT,
LIQUID
WHEN
COLD!



Chapman

MARY, QUEEN OF
SCOTS, FIRST
WOMAN GOLFER,
ORGANIZED THE
TEAM "CADDIE"
(From the French
"caddet"—a
youngster)



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FREDERICK WILLIAM I, KING
OF PRUSSIA, TOOK PRIDE IN
INSERTING INTO TREATIES WITH
FOREIGN POWERS DOZENS OF
RESTRICTIONS
WHICH MIGHT
RENDER THEM
VOID!

18th century...



17 LBS. OF BACON GREASE
WILL PRODUCE ENOUGH
GLYCERINE FOR
85 ANTI-TANK
SHELLS!



CHARLES
STEWART
ROLLS, FOUNDER
OF THE COMPANY
WHICH TODAY BUILDS
MOTORS FOR MOST OF
BRITAIN'S FIGHTER PLANES,
WAS THE FIRST BRITISH
AVIATOR TO BE
KILLED IN AN
AIRPLANE CRASH!

July 12, 1910...

THOUGH HE HAD BEEN FLYING
ONLY A FEW WEEKS, HE HAD
ALREADY MADE THE FIRST NON-STOP
CROSSING AND RE-CROSSING OF THE
ENGLISH CHANNEL!

TOMORROW—
HANDSHAKE
DOOR!



28-YEAR OLD FLIGHT
LIEUTENANT
J.S. HIGGINSON, R.A.F.
FLYER, WAS THE
FIRST AVIATOR TO
RECEIVE THE VICTORIA
CROSS IN THIS WAR...
FOR HIS ACTION
IN THE
FIRST FIGHT!
November, 1943...



His favorite party game
of LOKI, KING OF
NORWAY, WAS TO PLACE
A RING IN A PIECE OF
FLESH, THEN SCOPE FOR
IT WITH HIS
MOUTH!
19th century...

IN A GAME AGAINST THE
NEW YORK GIANTS, DITTY DEAN
BUNTED A HOME RUN!
FIRST HE WATCHED THE BUNT
FOR TWO HOURS, AND IN THE
CONFUSION, HE SCAMPERED
IN TO WIN HIS OWN
GAME 6 TO 5!
With St. Louis, 1920...



COSE JORDAN
SAVED MORE THAN
1000 LIVES
IN 19 YEARS
AS AN OCEAN LIFE-
GUARD! *John Brown*
and Daisy Island.



CHAINED
TO DEATH!

IN A CONFLICT
BETWEEN THE ARMIES
OF THE ROMAN-GERMAN
EMPEROR AND THE
GERMAN ARMY, THE
GERMAN LEGS WERE
CHAINED TOGETHER BEFORE
THE BATTLE TO KEEP THEM
FROM FLEEING!

THEY PERISHED IN A BOAT
BY A.D.



THERE ARE
81,000,000,000,000
DIFFERENT SHOTS
POSSIBLE ON A
REGULATION BILLIARD
TABLE!

ACCORDING TO
PROF. FRANK
DISNEYSON, UNIV. OF
ILLINOIS, IT WOULD
TAKE A MASTER
BILLIARDIST
2 BILLION YEARS
TO MAKE ALL
POSSIBLE
SHOTS!

FORGOTTEN
FISH
STORY!



GENERAL JOAN ZISKA

IN 1420
USED TANKS AGAINST THE GERMANS
AT THE BATTLE OF ARBONA.
ALTHOUGH MECHANIZED UNITS
WERE NOT USED ON A LARGE SCALE
UNTIL WORLD WAR I

ZISKA'S WOODEN FOOT,
PROPELLED BY CONCEALED MOTORS,
HAD 20 ARCHERS WHO
SHOT THROUGH SLITS
IN THE WALLS... GERMAN
CANNON SHATTERED ITS
LANCES AGAINST THE BEST
BALLS OF THE TANK LINE

ALTHOUGH IT IS
A "WHITE" SCENE,
THE PARADE
"BOMB OF THE SCENE"
DARKENED IS ROSE -
COLORED WHICH
TURNED ON EDGE
THIS STRANGE
PROPERTY DEMANDS A
MYSTERY



ONLY ONE SERVICE
A YEAR IS HELD IN
THE SMALLEST CHURCH
IN THE SMALLEST COUNTY
OF IRELAND... THE
CHURCH IS 11 FT X 11 FT
IN THE INTERIOR



ADDITIONAL
GERMAN
GAMES

THE MARCH FROM ROME!

THAT WAS DONE
COMPLETELY DECEITFUL
FOR 40 DAYS!
AFTER LEAVING
THE CITY IN
347 A.D. TOTAL
TOOK EVERY
LIVING HUMAN BEING
SMITH WITH HIM
AND IT WAS
40 DAYS BEFORE
RECEIVED
AGAIN FROM
ROMA OF
ROME!

ANTARCTIC
RESEARCH ARE!
FLAT-TOPPED
THE JOURNAL
OCEAN SWELL REVEALS
THEM OFF OF HUGE
"ICE BARRIERS"....
SOME ARE 20 MILES LONG

THE STORY DELIVERED
11 CHILDREN IN 4
YEARS TO THE HOME
OF ARE AND ADD
CHARLES CROSBY!
QUARTERS
TRAVELERS AND
2 SETS OF
TOWNS!

Chicago



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"WAVES WHOSE BEAUTY SUGGESTS
FIDGES MOVEN IN SALK" and-

"MIST OF FLOWERS" and-
"FIRST DAY OF SPRING"

ALL ARE NAMES OF
JAPANESE DESTROYERS
AND AIRCRAFT
CARRIERS,

CUT FLOWERS
WILL WILT
IN THE PRESENCE
OF APPLES DUE
TO ETHYLENE GAS
GIVEN OFF BY THE
FRUIT!



TINY U.S. ARMY-

AT ONE TIME, AFTER
THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR, THE
ENTIRE ARMY OF THE U.S. CONSISTED
OF 80 ENLISTED MEN AND A
PROPORTIONATE NUMBER OF OFFICERS..
NONE ABOVE THE RANK OF CAPTAIN!

RETAINED BY CONGRESS ONLY TO GUARD
MILITARY STORES, IT WAS EQUIVALENT
TO HAVING NO ARMY AT ALL!

Act of Congress, 1784..

DISCONNECTED-
UNRELATED
BROTHERS!



REPRODUCED

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To Mr. ADAM NISEN - 12/1/44 - 12/1/44 - 12/1/44

Strange As It Seems

By
HERBERT HIX



THE
DUTCHMENS
BAGGY PANTS
WERE SO DESIGNED
TO AFFORD
THEIR GREATER
FREEDOM
ON BOARD
SHIP!

THE PACIFIC, SCENE OF
THE GREATEST NAVAL WAR
IN HISTORY, COVERS AN
AREA LARGER THAN ALL
THE LAND SURFACES OF THE
EARTH PUT TOGETHER!

20 TIMES LARGER
THAN AMERICA, IT IS AS
MUCH AS 11,000 MILES
WIDE!



TARAHUMARE
INDIANS OF MEXICO CAN
RUN DEER TO DEATH.....
CHASING THEM FOR DAYS
THROUGH ALL KINDS
OF WEATHER!
WHEN THE ANIMAL
FINALLY DROPS, THE
INDIAN IS STILL FRESH!

TOMORROW
ACROBATIC
WARRIORS!

Strange as It Seems

By Ernest Hix

THE 1903 SPEEDOMETER
WAS A COLORED STRIP
REVOLVING BEHIND A GLASS
WINDOW... IT SHOWED **BLACK, WHITE,**
GREEN OR RED ACCORDING TO
SPEED!



HEIDLER NOT
SCHICKLGRUBER
IS ADOLF'S REAL NAME...
AND IF HIS SISTER IS
STILL ALIVE... SHE
'USES THE NAME
OF **HEIDLER!**



EVER SINCE THE STONE
AGE, THE FLINT CHIPPING
INDUSTRY OF SUFFOLK, ENG.,
HAS BEEN CARRIED ON
CONTINUOUSLY!



TOMORROW
ROBERT
E. LEE'S
ROCKETS!

DICK KIRBY-
8-28

STRANGE AS IT SEEMS

ERNEST HIX

AT A STATE DINNER
IN THE MEXICAN
EMBASSY, WASHINGTON,
FOUNTAINS OF
COLOGNE WERE PROVIDED
FOR THE LADIES
BTS

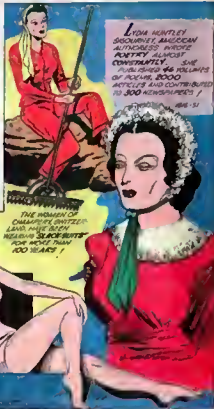
"FAITH
CAN MOVE A
MOUNTAIN"...

SAID ROBERT CUMMINGS,
WHO WAS TOLD EIGHT YEARS
AGO, WHEN DROPPED BY
PARAMOUNT: "YOU'LL NEVER
GET ANYWHERE AS AN ACTOR!"
NOW ON LEAVE TO MAKE A FILM
FOR DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS,
HE HAS JUST SIGNED ONE OF THE
MOST FABULOUS LONG-TERM
CONTRACTS IN HOLLYWOOD... WITH
THE SAME STUDIO!

FAMOUS WOMEN -

"THE NAKED LADY"

ADAM ISAACS MENKEN
WAS THE FIRST ACTRESS
TO APPEAR IN THEATRE!
WHEN SHE DIED IN 1868,
HER LOVER, ALEXANDRE
DUMAS WROTE TO BLEEP
FOR TWO YEARS AND
FINALLY RECOVERED HER
IN DEATH



LYDIA HUNTLEY
SHAWMEYER, AMERICAN
AUTHRESS, WROTE
POETRY ALMOST
CONSTANTLY. SHE
PUBLISHED 46 VOLUMES
OF POEMS, 2000
ARTICLES AND CONTRIBUTED
TO 300 NEWSPAPERS!

THE WOMEN OF
CHAMPAGNE, SWITZER-
LAND, HAVE BEEN
WEARING "SLACKS" FOR
MORE THAN
100 YEARS!

Follow Ernest Hix's "Strange as It Seems" each weekday in The Chicago Sun

Strange as It Seems

By Ernest Hix



BY THEIR NOSES YOU SHALL KNOW THEM...

NO TWO DOGS HAVE NOSE PRINTS ALIKE.... THEY ARE AN INFALLIBLE GUIDE TO IDENTIFICATION... LIKE HUMAN FINGERPRINTS!

JAP PUZZLE!

THE JAPS HAVE THREE 7.7 MM CARTRIDGES - EACH SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT... ONE FITS A RIFLE, ONE A LIGHT MACHINE GUN AND THE OTHER A HEAVY MACHINE GUN. THEY ARE NOT INTERCHANGEABLE!



AMERICA'S "HOLLAND"

A NATURAL DIKE OF COLORADO RIVER SILT ONLY 14 FEET ABOVE HIGH TIDE PROTECTS MORE THAN 50000 PEOPLE AND 1,000,000 ACRES OF BELOW SEA LEVEL (SOME 240 FT. BELOW) CALIFORNIA LAND FROM THE GULF OF CALIFORNIA!

DICK KIRBY

TOMORROW - ST. LOUIS GHOUL MINE!

SWIRLS ARE SO TOUGH
THEY CAN CONSUME
HORSESHOES, BOXES, TIN
CANS AND BOTTLES —
YET IN CUBA CITY
WALL OFFEN DNE
FROM UNDERGROUND
VIBRATIONS, SUCH
AS NEARBY
REINFORCING



LUNCH HOUR
GOLDEN WEDDING

ROBERT AND BERTHA
AVERY CELEBRATED
30 YEARS OF MARRIED
LIFE DURING THEIR
LUNCH HOUR ON A
PLANE PLANT ASSEMBLY
LINE



Long
Bruck
City
1948



THE MAN WHO
PHOTOGRAPHED
HISTORY

MATHEW BRADY —
PHOTOGRAPHER, FOLLOWED THE
BATTLES OF THE CIVIL WAR —
SHOOTING 3000 PICTURES —
AND EACH ONE HAD TO BE
PREPARED ON THE SPOT BY
SOAKING IT IN COLLODION,
SENSITIZING IT IN THE
DARK, EXPOSING IN THE
CAMERA AND DEVELOP-
ING IN DARKNESS
ALL WITHIN
15
MINUTES!

TOMORROW —
WOMAN'S
WORLD!

CLIPPING FROM 1948

STRANGE / IT SEEMS

by LORNE MAX

JEWELRY CASUALTY
 WITH AERIAL BRICK.
 ACCORD TO DATA TO THIS
 OFFICE, NEW NATIONAL
 JEWELRY STORE / TOO
 LIGHT FOR FOOTBALL, AND
 DIFFICULT TO BRICKBOMB
 AND ACCIDENT... AND ARE
 STASHED ON
 THE NEW FIVE
 MORE THAN
 TEN YEARS

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THE OCTOBER 2000 ISSUE

Deaths In Camp.
REPORT OF EARLY
MORNING DEPT. MEDIC,
CALLED THE DEATH OF THE
PATIENT THE 10TH AND
11TH OF MARCH 1900
20222222 — AND BECAUSE
OF HIS "PAINFUL" AND
LOST HIS THROAT.

2004

Abstract

APPROXIMATE
NO. OF DAYS FROM THE
LAST "RECEIVED"
OR "ACKNOWLEDGMENT"

[Faint, illegible handwritten notes]

TO CURE RITS,
TEAR THE
VICTIM'S SHIRT
OFF AND
BURN IT!



...OLD WEST URBAN
SUPERSTITION...

FERNZ SCHUBERT
DIED AT 32--AND
LEFT AN ESTATE OF
ONLY \$3/-1928

MYSTERY OF COSTA RICA!

THOUSANDS OF STONE BALLS
FROM TWO INCHES TO SIX FEET
IN DIAMETER, LIE SCATTERED
OVER A WIDE AREA, YET WHO
SHAPED THEM, WHEN, OR
WHY, IS A MYSTERY!
...PALMIRA, COSTA RICA.



IT TAKES A SUNBEAM 8 MINUTES TO TRAVEL
FROM THE SUN TO YOU - IN THAT TIME IT
COVERS 93,000,000
MILES!



THE BRIDGE DESIGNED FOR FUN!

WHILE ON A HOLIDAY, TWO ENGLISH ENGINEERS ENTERED A
PRAGUE BRIDGE COMPETITION AS A LARK--WHEN THEIR
DESIGN WON, THE AUSTRIAN EMBASSY
HAD TO SPEND WEEKS SEARCHING
LONDON TO NOTIFY THEM!

...AND, STEPHENY BRIDGE,
DORSET...



AFRICAN TERMITES HAVE
MOVED MORE EARTH THAN
ALL GOLD, DIAMOND, AND
OTHER MINING OPERATIONS
IN AFRICA COMBINED!

WHEN ONLY A FEW DAYS OLD,
THE YOUNG BITTERN ASSUMES
THE SAME CAMOUFLAGE AS
ITS PARENTS, THRUSTING
ITS BILL UPWARD TO
RESEMBLE THE REEDS!

WOODEN SHOES WERE
PLACED ON THE HEARTH
ON XMAS EVE BY
DUTCH CHILDREN
FROM WHICH EVOLVED
THE CUSTOM
OF HANGING
UP STOCKINGS --
SHOES DON'T
STRETCH

*Merry
Christmas!*

THE FIRST BROADCAST
IN HISTORY
WAS TRANSMITTED
ON CHRISTMAS EVE, 1906,
FROM THE FESSENDEN STATION,
BRANT ROCK, MASS.!

WHEN MEMBERS OF ROYALTY IN 17TH CENTURY BURMA INCURRED DISFAVOR, THEY WERE CONSIDERED TOO NOBLE FOR THE USUAL FORM OF EXECUTION...

THEY WERE PLACED IN VELVET BAGS AND DROPPED IN THE IRRAWADDY RIVER...



HATTIE CARAWAY --

ARKANSAS LEGISLATOR AND FIRST WOMAN SENIOR SENATOR IN U.S. HISTORY, WAS ALSO THE FIRST WOMAN ELECTED TO THE SENATE BY POPULAR VOTE, FIRST WOMAN CHAIRMAN OF A SENATE COMMITTEE, FIRST WOMAN TO CONDUCT A SENATE HEARING, AND FIRST WOMAN TO PRESIDE OVER THE SENATE.

MEMBERS OF THE CAT FAMILY ARE THE ONLY CLAWED ANIMALS THAT DO NOT WALK ON THEIR CLAWS...





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HAS 250 MILES OF SHELVING!



TEN HEADS OF
CABBAGE GREW FROM
ONE STALK IN THE GARDEN
OF MRS. WILLIAM STRATTON,
New Brighton, Pa.

WM. PENN
WAS A FOREST
CONSERVATIONIST...
HE DECREED THAT
PENNSYLVANIA
COLONISTS, IN
CLEARING LAND,
MUST LEAVE ONE
ACRE OF TREES
TO EVERY 5
CLEARED.



WHEN A DISPUTE AROSE
LAST YEAR BETWEEN
PROGRESS AND CITY CHAMBERS
OVER DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME,
THE TOWN CLOCK AT
SHEPHERDSTOWN, W. VA.,
STOPPED FOR THE
FIRST TIME IN ITS
**111-YEAR
HISTORY!**

The liquid is the most efficient
that has been found for this purpose.

A "SUPER VACUUM
BOTTLE"
WILL HOLD LIQUID
HELIUM, THE
WORLD'S COLDEST
LIQUID,
**15 TIMES
LONGER**
THAN THE
BEST CONTAINER
PREVIOUSLY
AVAILABLE.



Developed by
Geophysical Research
Laboratories

DAVE BURT AND STARR JENKINS,
students at the University
of New Mexico,
PARACHUTED AT 2,000 FEET
INTO A HALF-MILE-WIDE SPOT
IN GLEN CANYON, N.M.,
IN SEARCH OF
UNDISCOVERED CLIFF
DWELLINGS. THEN MADE
THE RETURN TRIP IN A
RUBBER RAFT,
TRAVELING THE
COLORADO RIVER FOR
100 MILES BACK TO
CIVILIZATION.





STUDENTS AT CORNELL UNIVERSITY RECEIVE THEIR BASIC PHYSICS DEMONSTRATIONS FROM A TELEVISION SCREEN, VISIBLE FROM ALL CORNERS OF THE CLASSROOM.

ERNEST ROWE,
of Danby, Vt.,
AND HIS TWO BROTHERS
HAVE SONS
WHOSE BIRTHDAY
FALLS ON
AUGUST 3RD!





THE DIVISION OF ENTOMOLOGY, U.S. NAT'L MUSEUM, WASH. D.C., HAS THE FOREMOST COLLECTION OF NORTH AMERICAN INSECTS -- GONS 12 MILLION SPECIMENS!

CATHERINE DE MEDICI INTRODUCED THE BALLLET AND FRIGADE TO DISTRACT KING CHARLES FROM MATTERS OF STATE, HOPING TO BRING CONTROL OF FRANCE FROM THE ROYAL GON ...



GENERAL WINFIELD SCOTT -- ONE OF AMERICA'S GREATEST FIGHTERS, WAS DEFEATED AS A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE IN 1852 BECAUSE HE ATE SOUP!

THE OPPOSITION HEAPED RIDICULE UPON HIM BECAUSE IN A LETTER WRITTEN YEARS EARLIER HE STATED HE "SAT DOWN TO TAKE A HASTY PLATE OF SOUP" WHICH WAS NOT CONSIDERED A MAGNANIMATE TRAIT IN HIS DAY ...



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THE FIRST COLONIAL
UNION FLAG EVER HOISTED
WAS MISTAKEN BY THE
BRITISH FOR A SURRENDER!
THEY THOUGHT IT WAS THE
FAMOUS UNION JACK...
(Presented to Britain,
Dec. 1, 1776)



IT TAKES 20 FREIGHT-CAR
LOADS OF ZINC ORE TO
YIELD ONE POUND
OF GERMANIUM!



IN THE LAST 50 YEARS OF THE
MORE THAN 60,000 GAMES
PLAYED IN THE MAJOR LEAGUES --
ONLY 92 HAVE BEEN HITLESS --
ONLY ONE PITCHER HAS PITCHED 2
SUCCESSIVE NO-HIT, NO-RUN GAMES --
JOHNNY VANDER MEER,
OF THE CINCINNATI REDS!

— June 11 and 12, 1938 —

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THERE ARE MORE THAN
80,000 SPECIES OF SNAILS...

THEY SWIM, JUMP, CRAWL AND BURROW;
LIVE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA,
AND IN THE TOPS OF TREES...

THEY RANGE IN SIZE FROM
2 FEET LONG TO TINY
CREATURES THE SIZE OF
A GRAIN OF SUGAR!



NATURE'S LAUNDRY--

Reykjavik, Iceland,

FOUNDSHES A PERPETUAL
SUPPLY OF HOT WATER FOR
THE PUBLIC LAUNDRY...



WHAT
FIVE-LETTER
WORD MEANS
ITS PROPER
PRONUNCIATION
EVEN WHEN FOUR
OF THE LETTERS ARE
REMOVED?

Answer: Tomorrow!



184 FREQUENCY
 RADIO WAVELENGTHS THAT CAUSED
 SO MUCH TROUBLE TO SCIENTISTS
 IN THE EARLY DAYS OF TELEVISION
 BY *BOWLING BACK*—

TODAY MAKE RADAR ONE OF THE
 MOST VERSATILE WEAPONS
 KNOWN TO MAN...



GILLETTE, Col.,
 STAGED THE ONLY AUTHENTIC
 BULLFIGHT EVER HELD IN
 THE UNITED STATES! —1944—

THE NEW YORK TIMES



REGINA ROBINIK
 WON PRIZE IN THE
 LEADING ROLE OF
 LICHORA IN
 "IL TRONATORE"
 AT THE
 METROPOLITAN
 ON ONLY 24-HOUR
 NOTICE —
 SHE HAD NEVER
 BEFORE SEEN A
 PERFORMANCE OF
 THE OPERA

—1944—

11-4



HENRY DAVID THOREAU—

*Famous New England
Naturalist—*

REFUSED TO PAY
HARVARD UNIVERSITY
\$5 FOR HIS GRADUATION
DIPLOMA—

BECAUSE: A MAN'S EDUCATION
CANNOT BE SUMMED UP IN
\$5 WORTH OF VELLUM PAPER,
AND SO MUCH PRINTER'S INK.

HE NEVER VOTED,
PAID NO TAXES, ATE NO MEAT,
DRANK NO WINE,
SMOKED NO TOBACCO, AND
NEVER USED A GUN!

THE YOUNG
OF THE YELLOW-BELLIED
CHUCKOOS HAVE FEATHERS
WHICH STAY SPREAD
UNTIL ALMOST THE DAY
BEFORE THE BIRDS LEAVE
THE NEST--THEN OPEN FULLY
IN A FEW HOURS!



DURING THE WAR BETWEEN THE STATES
THE ONLY CONFEDERATE CAPITAL CITY
TO REPUSE THE UNION FORCES
WAS TALLAHASSEE, Fla.

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THE
EXTINCT
DODO --

A PIGEON THAT
WAS LARGER
THAN A
TURKEY!



THERE ARE 548 BODIES OF WATER
IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN
KNOWN BY ONLY FIVE NAMES --
THERE ARE 76 TWIN LAKES
67 ROUND LAKES
59 BAY LAKES
84 LONG LAKES
202 MUD LAKES

THE 1949
PENNANT WINNERS
IN BOTH MAJOR LEAGUES
WERE NOT DECIDED UNTIL
THE LAST DAY OF THE SEASON--
BOTH TEAMS FINISHED
WITH THE SAME
PERCENTAGE -- .650...
THE YANKEES AND THE
DODGERS EACH
WON 97 GAMES
AND LOST 57!





ESCAPED
CRIMINAL
EUGENE FRANCOIS VIDOCQ
JOINED THE PARIS POLICE
AND IS REMEMBERED
AS ONE OF THE MOST
BRIGHT DETECTIVES
OF ALL TIME!

(1809-1827)

AN ACTUAL
FLYING MODEL OF A
COLUMBIA RF-8 COUGAR—
HAND BUILT BY TITAN ONE
SPENT 2 YEARS ON THE PROJECT
MAKING ALL PARTS BY HAND EXCEPT
FOR THE WHEELS
AND JET
ENGINE



Excerpted by David H. Brown, 1978, from the book



"BULLETPROOF" LIZARDS—
DAVID HARRY, *graduate student*
of the Univ. of Maryland,
CAPTURED A LARGE IGUANA
WITH 22 SHOTS TO THE BODY.
NONE THE WORSE FOR THE EXPERIENCE
Reported by Smithsonian Inst.

SOLDIER FOR A DAY!

JOHN STORKEY
JOINED THE UNION ARMY
IN OHIO. ENTERED THE
FIELD AGAINST THE ENEMY,
WAS CAPTURED, PAROLED,
AND RETURNED HOME--
ALL IN A SINGLE
DAY!

-Civil War-



JRI-JRI.

National
Game of
Japan.

IS ONE OF THE WORLD'S
FASTEST AND MOST
DANGEROUS GAMES--
ITS NAME MEANS
"MERRY FIGHTING."
A BLOW FROM THE BALL
CAN MEAN DEATH--

EXTREME
ABUNDANCE OF
FOOD IN THE WATER
CAUSES CHITERS TO
REDUCE THEIR FEEDING
PORTS PAID IN SOME CASES
STARVE IN THE MIST OF
SUPERABUNDANCE!





MEASUREMENTS
MADE LATE IN THE 19TH CENTURY
DISCLOSE THAT HE INTERVALS THE
NORTH POLE WANDERS COUNTER-
CLOCKWISE AROUND A CIRCLE
20 TO 25 FEET ACROSS...



IN SHAVING, A RAZOR
BLADE EXERTS ABOUT
5 TONS OF PRESSURE
PER SQUARE INCH ON
EACH WHISKER!



A BILLIARD BALL STARTED THE
PLASTICS INDUSTRY!
WHILE COMPETING FOR A \$10,000 PRIZE,
OFFERED FOR A SUBSTITUTE FOR IVORY
BILLIARD BALLS, JOHN HYATT INVENTED
CELLULOID, THE FIRST PLASTIC MATERIAL...

HE DID NOT RECEIVE THE PRIZE
BUT THE COMPANY HE ORGANIZED
FOUND 25,000 USES FOR CELLULOID
AND MADE MILLIONS!



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STRANGE as it seems

March 11th, 1961



WILD LIONS ARE STILL
FOUND IN INDIA /
ABOUT 200 REMAIN IN
THE GIR FORESTS...



THE GÖTA CANAL,
Sweden,
HAS 74 LOCKS IN
56 MILES OF CANAL!

OF ALL THE SCIENTISTS
ON EARTH THROUGHOUT
RECORDED HISTORY--
NINETY PER CENT
ARE STILL ALIVE
TODAY!



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THE LEGISLATURE
OF NEVADA, IN 1875,
PASSED AN ACT PROHIBITING
CAMELS FROM RUNNING
AT LARGE ON STATE
HIGHWAYS *1888*

IT ONCE TOOK 25 TONS
OF VIOLETS TO MAKE A
SINGLE OUNCE OF NATURAL
OIL FOR PERFUME



STREET RIOTS IN
LONDON FOLLOWED
ENGLAND'S ADOPTION OF
THE GREGORIAN CALENDAR
IN 1752 BECAUSE

ELEVEN DAYS WERE DROPPED--
THE DAY AFTER SEPTEMBER 2
BECAME SEPTEMBER 14





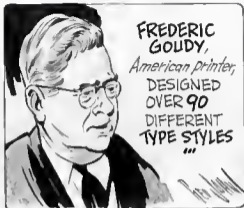
SEVERAL KINDS
OF BEETLES WHICH
LOOK MUCH LIKE
ANTS LIVE IN
ANT NESTS AND
ARE TREATED AS PETS
BY THEIR HOSTS!



JOHN
SMITH--
English robber,
WAS REPREIVED
15 MINUTES
AFTER
HE WAS
HANGED--

HE WAS
CUT DOWN
AND
RECOVERED
-1705-





**FREDERIC
GOLDY,**

*American printer,
DESIGNED
OVER 90
DIFFERENT
TYPE STYLES*
""

**MEXICO CITY
IS CLOSER
TO
CHICAGO
THAN IT
IS TO
SAN FRANCISCO!**



WAR OF 1812 --

**AMERICA'S STRANGEST WAR
FOR THE FREEDOM OF THE SEAS!**

**THE BRITISH HAD A THOUSAND
SHIPS INCLUDING 100 BATTLESHIPS;
THE UNITED STATES HAD 17
FRIGATES AND SLOOPS!**

**THE FIRST AND LAST
BATTLES WERE
FOUGHT ON
LAND!**



STRANGE as it seems

ERNEST &
PHYLLIS
by HIX
JR.

REYKJAVÍK

ICELAND'S CAPITAL CITY, MEANS
"BAY OF SMOKE"...
BUT THE SMOKE SEEN BY
THE 9TH CENTURY SETTLERS
WAS ACTUALLY STEAM COMING FROM
HOT SPRINGS BENEATH THE CITY WHICH
IS NOW USED TO HEAT THE CITY,
LEAVING THE SKYLINE
CLEAN AND SMOGLESS !!!!!

SOME OF THE ICE IN
SIBERIA'S ARCTIC
AREAS IS BLACK...
BUT WHEN IT MELTS,
THE WATER IS CLEAR!

THE REPUBLIC OF LEBANON
REQUIRES THE PRESIDENT
TO BE A CHRISTIAN,
AND THE PRIME MINISTER
TO BE A MOSLEM.

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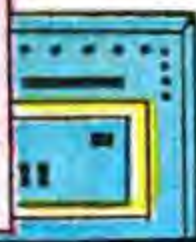
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POTTERY
FROM THE
JOMON CULTURE
OF JAPAN
FOUND ON
THE COAST OF
ECUADOR
INDICATES
JAPANESE
VOYAGERS
LANDED IN
ECUADOR ABOUT
3,000 B.C.

OTHER DESIGNS
ARE SIMILAR TO
THE CARVINGS
FOUND ON
EASTER
ISLAND
SHOWING
A POSSIBLE
MIGRATION
FROM THAT
MYSTERIOUS
ISLAND.



AN ELECTRONIC DEVICE
ABOUT 2½ X 4, WORN ON
THE WRISTS OF
HOSPITAL PATIENTS
AUTOMATICALLY TAKES
TEMPERATURE, BLOOD PRESSURE,
AND PULSE RATE, AND
RELAYS IT TO THE NURSES.



ALTHOUGH MOST DESERTS ARE
FLAT, SAND DUNES REACH
1,000 FEET HIGH
IN THE SAHARA DESERT.



CHILDREN WITH
PECULIAR
NAMES
ARE MORE LIKELY
TO SUFFER
EMOTIONAL
DISTURBANCES
THAN CHILDREN
WITH
ORDINARY
NAMES.



CHRIS HANSEN—
Mountain Co., Mich.,
SHERIFF
FOR 24 YEARS.
HAS NEVER FIRED
A GUN IN LINE
OF DUTY...



GIRAFFES--
SOMETIMES HAVE
AS MANY AS
5 HORNS!



BOBBY ROSS—10,
Pittsburgh,
HAS RUN OVER BY
2 LOCOMOTIVES AND
125 FREIGHT CARS—
BUT SUSTAINED ONLY
MINOR INJURIES!
—1939.

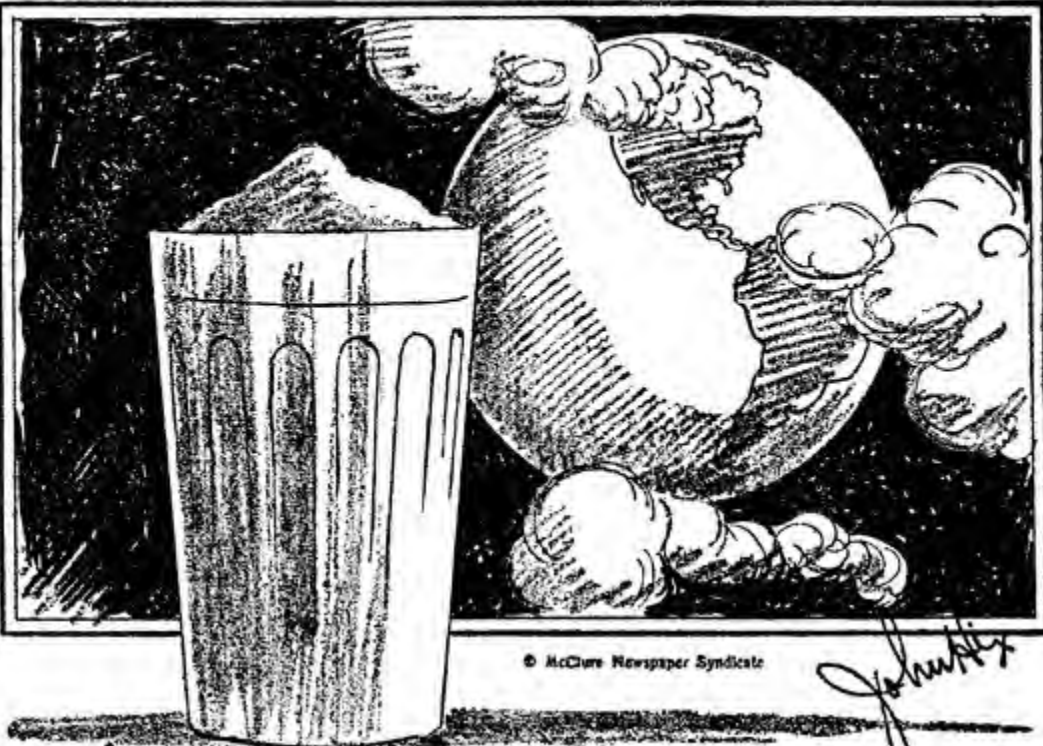


LORRINE ANNE WILLARD
AND MILLIE WILLIAMS--
SISTERS-IN-LAW,
ARE ALL PROFESSIONAL
ROOF SHINGLERS!



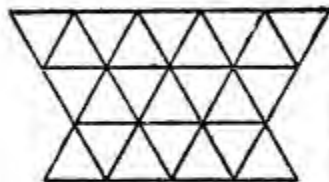
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MRS. J. J. JAMES
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(Chris Hansen)

→ we have been paid
to be here for

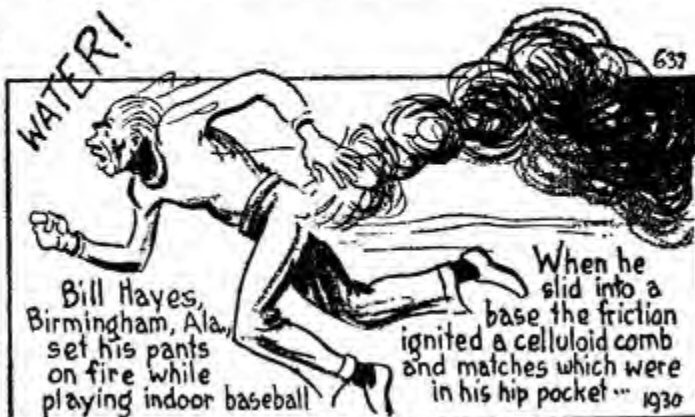


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AN ORDINARY GLASS TUMBLER
COULD HOLD ALL THE PEOPLE ON EARTH
 if the bodies were compressed to their actual material substance



How many triangles
 are there?
 Can you find
 more than 35?



Bill Hayes,
 Birmingham, Ala.,
 set his pants
 on fire while
 playing indoor baseball

When he
 slid into a
 base the friction
 ignited a celluloid comb
 and matches which were
 in his hip pocket ... 1930

Thanks to Jack House, Birmingham News

IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE ANY OF THIS, WRITE TO THE
 AUTHOR FOR PROOF. SEND STAMPED RETURN ENVELOPE.



SAFELY A. H.
HARDY
"Famous criminal expert"
DETECTIVE PICTURED WITH A RIFLE



A FEW
FIVE-STAR
RATED
IN THE STATE OF
WASHINGTON

THE
BLIND
IS AN EYE
SPECIALIST
in Los Angeles
Calif.

FEELING FREE IN ANY CROWD
HARLEIGH - IT'S



THE
EAR STRETCHING
CHAMPION
OF THE WORLD—
A CENTRAL
AFRICAN NATIVE
WORE HIS
EARS UNDER
HIS ARMPITS



WILLADS LARSEN —
Nebraska Farmer
HAS EATEN OVER 75,000
PARCHES.



WINKFIELD —
famous colored
jockey,
WON THE
KENTUCKY
DERBY
TWO SUCCESSIVE
YEARS . . .
1901 — 1902



STRANGE AS IT SEEMS

—By Hix

Don't say

14-YEAR-OLD
MARY DRURY
IS AN
ACCOMPLISHED
DANCER—
ALTHOUGH SHE
LOST BOTH LEGS
IN AN ACCIDENT
ON HER NINTH
BIRTHDAY!

BLOOMFIELD, N.J. ...



A NEEDLE CAN
BE DRIVEN
THROUGH A NICKEL
WITH A HAMMER!
(READ HOW TOMORROW)

CANTON, ILLINOIS
WAS SO NAMED
BECAUSE IT WAS
BELIEVED TO BE
EXACTLY ACROSS
THE WORLD
FROM CANTON,
CHINA!



The XS-1[™]

WORLD'S FASTEST AIRCRAFT[™]
SMASHED THE SONIC WALL GOING UPHILL!
THE ONLY PLANE THAT
CAN ACCELERATE VERTICALLY, IT CLIMBS
FASTER THAN ANY OTHER PLANE HAS
EVER DIVED!

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SAULT ST. MARIE CANAL,
ALTHOUGH OPEN ONLY EIGHT
MONTHS A YEAR, CARRIES
MORE SHIPPING THAN THE FOUR
LARGEST CANALS COMBINED!
(PANAMA, SUEZ, WELLAND, AND
MANCHESTER) — *Sault Saint Marie, Mich.*



**CRYOLITE — A "STONE" — WILL MELT
IN THE HEAT FROM A CANDLE'S
FLAME!**
THE ESKIMOS
THINK IT A
KIND OF
ICE!

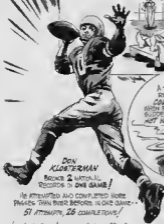


TEXAS
BECAME INDEPENDENT
BECAUSE MEXICO
WOULDN'T ACCEPT
IT AS A MEXICAN
STATE!



Doug Hayes-10-3

TEEN-PIKED, ATTEMPTED, DEMANDED
UNLIMITED FOR 40 DAYS AFTER HIS DEATH
BECAUSE "TEEN" WAS THE NAME
FOR A FUNERAL.



**DON
KLOSTERMAN**
BROKE 2 NATIONAL
RECORDS IN ONE GAME!

HE ATTEMPTED AND COMPLETED MORE
PASSES THAN EVER BEFORE IN ONE GAME...

51 ATTEMPTS, 26 COMPLETIONS!

- Loyola U. of Los Angeles vs College of Pacific
1960 -

Don Klosterman vs...

1960



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ANDREAS
VESALIUS--
*Great Flemish
physician (1514-64),*

FOUNDER OF THE
MODERN SYSTEM OF
ANATOMY, WAS
CONDEMNED TO DEATH
FOR WATCHING

A HUMAN HEART
BEAT DURING AN OPERATION!
THE SENTENCE WAS LATER
COMMUTED BY
EMPEROR CHARLES V



OF THE FIVE FLAGS
PLANTED AT THE NORTH POLE
BY ADMIRAL PEARY,
ONE WAS THE SILK FLAG
HIS WIFE HAD GIVEN HIM
15 YEARS BEFORE AND WHICH
HAD BEEN CARRIED ON EVERY
ONE OF HIS EXPEDITIONS --
WRAPPED AROUND HIS WAIST!

THE MINE DETECTOR
USED BY THE
J.S. ARMY WAS THE
INVENTION OF
CHARLES HEDDEN;
A RADIO REPAIR MAN,
WHO INVENTED THE DEVICE
FOR A FRIEND WHO WAS
PLANNING A
TREASURE HUNT
FOR GOLD...

*(Nat'l. Inventors Council,
Dept. of Commerce)*